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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Dec. 14, High Normal; Dec. 15, High/Low Normal; Dec. 16, 17, 18, Low Normal; Dec. 19, 20, High Normal; Dec. 21, High/Low Normal; Dec. 22, Low Normal; Dec. 23, Low Normal; Dec. 24, 25, High/Low Normal; Dec. 26, High Normal; Dec. 27, 28, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

## YEMEN

David Schoen, N2KK, completed operations in Djibouti as J2ØCN and left for Yemen Dec. 10. He will operate from 4W ten days if a license is obtained. As in previous operations, 80, 40 and 10 Meters will be emphasized...3505, 7005, 3795 and 28510. At this point his travels are running a couple of days behind schedule. Low band gray-line

DXers check times for 40 and 80 in TDXB Issue 62. Dave will be in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (last weekend) if he has a license.

## GUINEA

Ian, VK4NIC has been active almost daily as follows: 28735, 15-16Z; 21202 or 21255, 2100Z; 21300, 2130Z.. Ian's frequency has become a watering hole for many of the thirsty sickies with their carriers, catcalls, policing, etcetera.

9G1RT was expected to operate the ARRL 10-Meter Contest from Ian's station, and perhaps a day or two afterwards. K4YT expects to be there around the end of January, with a VFO to go with Ian's Yaesu rig.

KP2A and the International DX Foundation tried unsuccessfully this past week to gain entrance to Guinea for some operating from Ian's. Ian inform-

ed them that he can't even get a visa for his wife to visit at Christmas, so he is meeting her for the holidays in Dakar, Senegal.

## AUCKLAND/CAMPBELL ISLANDS

One report puts ZL3AFH on Auckland Is and another puts him on Campbell, but DXCC won't care. The 1980 Callbook does not list ZL3AFH so he is apparently a newcomer. ZL2ACP says he is on Campbell, has been there about a month, and is using wire antennas for all bands. He expects a stay of about a half year.

Another report has ZL3AFH/Auckland on 20 Meters CW at 0830Z.

## SMOM: A NEW DXCC COUNTRY?

1AØKM continued active the week of Dec. 8 (TDXB, Issue 67). SMOM is a single building in Rome, claiming complete sovereignty and also purportedly the smallest country in the world. An application for DXCC status has already been mailed to the ARRL DXCC corner.

It is interesting to note that the *National Geographic Atlas* does not show Abu Ail, but it does list SMOM.

## ABU AIL

K6LPL and friends had made over 10,000 J2Ø/A contacts as of Dec. 8, (cont'd)

THIS ISSUE is dedicated to John Lennon, whose philosophy touched our lives.

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with about 36 more hours of operating to go. Things worked out just about as planned, except the callsign was shorter than they had expected, and K6LPL will be handling all QSL cards. Band conditions weren't quite as good as had been hoped but could have been much worse.

A6XYL is the 13-year-old daughter of A6XJA, who has operated from the U.A.E. for several years without being able to get his papers through the DXCC scrutiny. Actually, papers have never been submitted because it was understood they would not pass the test for DXCC.

TN8AJ went back to Germany Dec. 4 but is planning more Congo activity after the first of the year.

N4HX is in Benin but still awaits a license. A TY-ing experience.

DF2MG is on Lord Howe Island signing VK3DCS/2LH. He operates mainly CW on 10, 15, 1st 20 Meters, and he is especially interested in cleaning up the demand for L.H. in Europe.

VK2AGT is still active from LH, also, and has been found on the VK9NS net at 0700Z on 14220.

Tim Chen has been active from Taiwan again...BV2A on 28525-575 Saturdays and BV2B on 14225 at 1300Z Wednesdays.

PA0GMM is back from his Pacific tour with the following statistics:

FO0GMM	1100 QSOs
ZK1AXE	700
ZK2BM	2600
3D2GM	1100
A35BG	900
PA0GMM/ KH8	425

Guido says his QSO rate with Europeans was especially low due to their inability to follow orders when working by call-areas. JA7SGV was heard making the same lament during his Pacific operations in Oct. and Nov.

If you work CW contests, you can always tell where Fred Laun, K3ZO, HSIABD, etc., is stationed at the moment. He is in the country you just worked in a CW contest for the first time in a coon's age.

Fred is presently stationed in Columbia, and will have a ticket in another few weeks. He was able to operate in the CQ CW Contest thanks to the hospitality of HK3TF and his wife HK3AXT. Fred ran the station signing HK3AXT and made 3.5 million points with 3600 contacts and a multiplier of about 350, including juicies like 8Q7 and 4S7 on 10 Meters at 2 am local time.

Can you imagine...3600 CW contacts with a transceiver with no CW filter?

Fred sez they will be operating multi-op in the 10 Meter Contest using HK3TF.

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Carl Sagan's latest *Cosmos* episode dealt with the traits of Agression, Territoriality, and Heirarchy. No, he hadn't been listening on 20 Meters SSB during a DXpedition. He was describing foibles buried in the backs of our brains, left-overs from our ape days.

One of our faithful readers was in IRAN from 1977 to '79 and operated EP2LC, on CW only. That's Dave Church, WA2HZR, who became friends with Tom, EP2TY. Dave says that Tom left Iran Oct. 23 to wait out the conflict between Iran and Iraq, and he hopes to return to Iran around the end of this month.

EP2TY's gear is being looked after in Esfahan, where Tom is general manager of the Japanese National Radio Plant. Tom is, as far as he knows, the only legal ham in Iran, and his ticket is good through May of 1981. He does not work CW but can be coerced into at least a one-way if you twist his arm.

Tom plans to continue his previous operating schedule of Fridays, 0200Z, 14230+ and some 15 Meters at odd times.

Check 28500 at 1200Z for 9U5JM, who is F6DLW and operates in a French Overseas net.



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**BANDPASS:** Call/Freq./UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

<u>Low Bands</u>	HMØI/7002/14C/4	VK6HD/3503/11E/1	ZK2VU/7005/10W/7
EA9JG/7009/01E/5	UAØBBN/7002/12E/5	VS6DO/7012/12E/1	1AØKM/7005/22E/4
EI8DL/7016/23E/3	UO5OE/7005/01E/3	VS6DO/7004/12E/4	5NØWRA/7006/02C/1
FM7BZ/7011/23E/3	UI8LA/3502/00E/1	XT2AW/7014/00E/4	5Z4RS/7005/04W/27
GU4HUY/7021/01E/4	UM8IE/7003/01E/4	YBØADI/7005/10W/7	9M6MO/7004/14C/3
<u>Others-CW</u>	EA6EJ/14021/07W/3	KH3AB/28031/01E/9	UI8ACO/14009/14W/3
BV2A/14023/13E/3	FR7BX/14025/03E/3	OY7ML/14025/23E/2	VU2BK/14060/13W/2
DU1JB/21024/23C/7	JT1KAF/14029/09W/3	TA2TAT/21027/12E/2	9V1TK/21014/01W/7
N7ET/	JT1BH/14025/12E/3	UD6BN/14023/13W/3	9X5AB/28003/19E/29
DU6/28025/23E/3	KH3AB/14026/02E/1	UD6DGA/14009/13W/3	
<u>Others-SSB</u>	HL1WS/28595/02C/2	W5JMM/	7X2AP/21330/17W/2
A9XDD/14223/16W/3	KC4AAC/21305/01C/5	SU/28673/15E/7	9G1NG/14220/23E/1
CE9AH/21349/00E/2	AH2E/28531/00E/30	TA1MD/28750/13E/6	9J2TJ/21280/20C/4
C5AZ/28501/13E/6	OD5FB/14216/02E/5	TA1MD/28750/14E/7	9M2GZ/21345/00E/4
D68AM/21276/21E/2	K5LBU/	TU4AT/28750/13E/6	9V1UH/21345/00E/4
FM7BG/14220/00W/3	STØ/28750/12C/2	4S7CF/14232/17W/3	9V1VV/28590/02C/2
FRØFLO/28570/13E/6	SU1BA/28750/12E/6	4U1UN/28525/17W/2	

Mail Bandpass Friday or Saturday; send or phone news items anytime. TNX.

## QSLs

A35DF	FO8DF, J.A. Parker, Box 5225, Pirai, Tahiti
A35VV	DL2RM, R. Wolf, Alte. Waldmuenchener Str. 32, Regensburg D8400
C5AZ	KB7HB, R.W. Clay, 581 Howard Dr., Sierra Vista AZ 85635
C6AEP	WØCP, W.L. Stinson, 11415 E Cimarron Dr., Englewood CO 80111
FOØALN	K4II, W.G. Baird Jr, 1018 Woodburn Rd, Spartanburg SC 29302
HH2VP	N4XR, V. Paonouff, 9861 NW 4th St, Pembroke Pines FL 33024
1AØKM	IØMGM, Mario Gallavotti, Via Cassia 929, 00189 Roma Italy
J2Ø/A	K6LPL, D. Gardner, 415 Dabney Lane, Beverly Hills CA 90210
J73A	K2TJ, E. Schmidt, 33 Shore Ave, Manahawkin NJ 08050
J73D	W2OB, A. Oberson, Box 173, Linwood NJ 08221
VE1AI/1	R. Grantham, 8 Orkney Rd, Dartmouth NS B2X 1J9 Canada
VP2MFL	K5BDX, D. Simmonds, 7836 Garza Rd, Ft. Worth TX 76116
ZF2DV	WB4OSN, J. Picior, 1485 NW 66th Ave, Margate FL 33063
ZF2DW	N4BP, R. Patten, 2311 Nassau Dr, Miramar, FL 33023
ZL1AMO/C	R.W. Wright, 28 Chorley Ave, Massey, Henderson, Auckland 8
8P6J	8P6CC, Via Bureau
9J2TJ	N8JW J. White, 3629 Delta River Dr, Lansing MI 48906
9Y4XX	WA6KZI, H. Hetland, Box 73, Altadena CA 91001

Do you have a Christmas Wish??? Send it to us on a post card and we will publish a listing in our Christmas week issue. Keep it clean, this is a family bulletin.

At least one reader (in S. Florida) wishes he knew the whereabouts of certain stations using the "XV" prefix in the recent CQ WW CW Contest; several were worked and said they were in CQ Zone 9. Anybody know?





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Last June, Marty, OH2BH, and Ville, OH2MM operated from East Africa as 6T1YP in the Sudan, ST2FF/STØ South Sudan, and later on the Aland Islands as OHØAM. The main purpose of the African operations was education and good will, and was sponsored by the Northern California DX Foundation. Background information may be found in TDXB Issues 34 and 42. QSLs for the operations have now been answered, via W6EUF for N. America, JALIFB for Japan, and from Finland for the rest of the world.

Here is the final report by OH2BH:

"ST2FF/STØ:

JUBA is the center of the Autonomous Southern Region of the Sudan. The area close to the Equator is different from the rest of the country, not only in terms of a more favorable climate and tropical nature, but also in regard to its people with a different color, race, religion and language.

"Ours was the first flight made in three months across the 400-mile desert along the Nile River. We stayed four days in the area previously isolated for cholera. People mostly plagued by chronic malaria were extremely friendly to foreigners who were assisting them in health care, education and other programs.

"9,000 QSOs were made from the Juba Hotel, where Nile fish was served for breakfast, lunch and dinner, due to a food shortage. The equipment functioned flawlessly on a shaky 160 VAC only supply. Only the Dentron relay circuit had to be rewired for our 12 VDC battery, which supplied our power during the hours of darkness.

"We are extremely grateful to Dr. Sid Ahmed Ibrahim, ST2SA, and Mr. Eduard Bashier of the Ministry of Information of the Southern Region for making this operation possible."

"6T1YP:

The Youth Palace is performing important tasks for the young people of the Sudan in many educational areas, including physics, chemistry, sport, music and the arts. The Physics department takes great pride in having trained Amateur Radio operators at their newly established club station 6T1YP. The Yugoslav (SRJ), German (DARC) and Finnish (SRAL) national societies as well as the Northern California DX Foundation deserve recognition for their contributions.

"As invited guests for training and lecturing, we managed to open the station 6T1YP for international friendship between the Sudan and the rest of the world. Some 10,000 QSOs were logged during four nights of operating. Mr. Amir Kobani (now 6U1AA), Director of the Palace, and Secretary General Fadul Kabbar, ST2FF, acted as our excellent hosts and many plans were developed for promoting amateur radio in the Sudan. We have reason to be proud of having the Youth Palace and their fine people in the ranks of amateur radio."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Starvation in Kampuchea, which came to international attention a year ago, has been stemmed somewhat by aid from other countries. Starvation in Africa has almost become a way of life for millions, and hundreds die every day from lack of food. The Sudan is especially hard hit due to a year-long drought. Finland's Red Cross has established a fund to supply food to areas of East Africa; interested amateurs and foundations should contact OH2BAD for details: Miika Heikinheimo, Lokkiantie 16-A-19, SF-00330, Helsinki 33 Finland. Contributions are tax-deductible.

## CALENDAR

Guinea	by 9G1RT	On NOW; this issue
St. Martin	PJ7 and FS7	By W1HCS, NOW through Dec. 18; Issues 66 and 67
St. Lucia	K1CC/J6	By K1CC Dec. 15-Jan. 2
Contest	ARRL 160	Dec. 20-21
Auckland.		
Campbell	ZL3AFH	On NOW for six months; this issue
Lord Howe	VK3DCS	On NOW; this issue
Yemen	by N2KK	May be on NOW; this issue
Heard	By VK9NS	Still trying; Issue 64
S. Sandwich	VP8SSI	Jan. 1-4; Issue 63
Lebanon	OD5KK	By N2KK, Jan. 15-Feb. 4; Issue 62
Montserrat	VP2MS	By W7ISX and W7EKM, Jan. 14-23; next week's TDXB
Iraq	Y11JY	Late Jan. or early Feb.: Issue 66
Cyprus	5B4KK	By N2KK, Feb. 4-11; Issue 62
Kingman/ Palmyra		By VK2BJL and friends; April. Issue 63

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